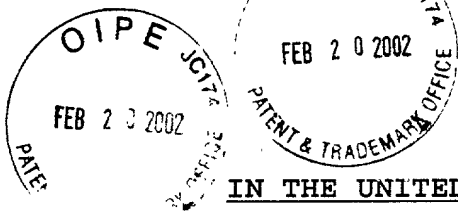


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

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Sir:

This communication is in response to a Notice of
Incomplete Reply (the "Notice") issued January 18, 2002 in the
above-referenced application, a copy of which is enclosed.

The Notice purports that an Abstract was not included with the Missing Parts filed January 8, 2002.

Enclosed herewith is a postcard return receipt wherein the PTO has, inter alia, acknowledged receipt of the subject Abstract. However, another copy of the Abstract and the communication that accompanied such Abstract are enclosed.

No fees are due at this time as the Abstract was timely mailed within two months of the issuance of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

It is respectfully requested that the Notice be vacated and this application be considered complete.

Respectfully submitted,

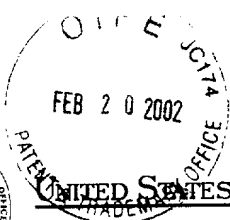
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 01/08/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 08/27/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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